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SUBJECT: Original Map Sheets to the Army Map Service

1. The Map Division feels that it can and should release one copy of the types of maps listed below to the Army Map Service upon specific request from them.
 - a. Any of the standard topographic series at scales of 1:1,000,000 or larger.
 - b. Any of miscellaneous topographic maps of varied sources at scales of 1:1,000,000 or larger.
 - c. Any standard or unusually valuable topographic maps of a scale smaller than 1:1,000,000 of areas not available on larger scale coverage.
 - d. Any land or water transportation maps which emphasize routes and/or means of land or inland water transportation of a sufficiently large scale to be directly useful in the compilation of maps of scales 1:2,000,000 or larger.

All other types of maps are of secondary interest to the Army Map Service.

2. The types of maps listed below are of primary interest to the Office of Strategic Services and should be retained by the Map Division.
 - a. Morphological (other than topographic)
 - b. Geological maps
 - c. Industrial
 - d. Economic
 - e. Political
 - f. Vegetation
 - g. Pedogeographic
 - h. Population
 - i. Ethnographic

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- j. Historical
- k. Agricultural maps
- l. Archeological maps
- m. Choroschematic (statistical maps)
- n. Etc.

3. The types of maps listed in paragraph 2 are needed by the Office of Strategic Services because:

a. Morphological (other than topographic), geological, etc.

The OSS Map Division has been designated by JISPB, OPD, etc., as the responsible source for strategic terrain type maps and strategic terrain models, and such work is based primarily upon this type of map.

b. Industrial, economic, agricultural, vegetation, choroschematic, etc.

All economic maps for JISPB and many other organizations showing telecommunications, industrial activities, and distribution of natural resources are compiled in the Office of Strategic Services. Such compilation is based primarily upon the above types of maps.

c. Political, population, ethnographic, historical, archeological

Most maps using this type of compilation material are compiled in the Office of Strategic Services.

d. In addition there are many special types of maps such as ethnic, religious, propaganda maps, settlement types, languages, etc., which are primarily used in intelligence activity. They are needed for the specific planning of detailed field operations involving espionage, counter espionage, etc., as well as in connection with the hundreds of demands from the Executive Branches of the Government. For example, the OSS Map Division is supplying the bulk of the maps being used at the San Francisco Conference.

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